POINT OF ORDER.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Sir, before going to the next business, I wish to draw the attention of the President to the fact that a member of this House was asked to leave the House because he did not take the oath. It seems that it is the precedent of this House that members sit in their respective places even before taking the oath. For example, at the last meeting, before the members took the oath they were allowed to sit in their seats. I beg to bring this matter to the notice of the President.

PRESIDENT: The matter was considered and the ruling was given. In this case the precedent was not followed by the President.

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.—(*contd.*):

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Sir, it is a matter for gratification to have a surplus budget. Perusing the Budget estimates for the next year, I regret to say that I have no praise to be offered to the Financial Secretary. Disgusted with the financial policy adopted by the Account Officer year after year, the members of the legislature urged the separation of the Finance Department from the Account Department. And the Government also feeling the necessity for separation, organised an independent Financial Secretariat. With the formation of that Secretariat we thought that there would be a total change in the financial policy of Government.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Is it the honourable member's idea that because the Financial Secretariat and the Account Department have been separated, the whole policy of the Travancore Government should change? Is that the idea?

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: No, Sir. We expected that there will be a visible change from the policy hitherto adopted by the Account Officer. We expected that the Financial Secretary would initiate a beneficial financial policy.

PRESIDENT: The Financial Secretary initiates no financial policy.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Rather the Government would initiate a beneficial financial policy.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The separation of the Accounts and the Finance Department has no bearing upon the question of initiation of financial policy.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Sir, we also expect that the Financial Secretary would render the incidence of taxation—

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The Financial Secretary has nothing to do with the incidence of taxation.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Sir, we thought that the Government would, make the incidence of taxation, more equitable by providing substantial relief to the poor ryots. We also expected that the

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